

From: Edward Jonson
To: Ms. Renata B. Heese
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

I am writing to support the recent settlement of the long-running antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation. I applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal governments lead and settle the case. However, I'm thoroughly disappointed that remaining state attorneys general and the District of Columbia have decided to continue to pursue this baseless case.

I consider the settlement fair to all, because it allows competitors to use Microsofts Windows operating system to incorporate their software programs and gives consumers more services and products to choose from.

As you are well aware, members of Citizens for a Sound Economy have been unrelenting in their opposition to the federal governments antitrust case against Microsoft. For nearly 3 years, we've called, emailed, visited, and sent letters to the U.S. Department of Justice and to state attorneys general offices explaining that Microsoft's actions did not harm consumers, but provided them with great benefits by lowering the cost and increasing the availability of software products. We have stressed that Microsoft is a pioneer in the high-technology market and that their products increased our familiarity with the Internet.

Once again, I thank you for your decision to settle this unfortunate lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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